

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1052 - HB 1935

March 16, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the area of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority to include the portion of Hardin County that lies east of the Tennessee River.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$339,000/Recurring
\$21,000/One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – \$128,000/Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$128,000/Permissive**

Other Fiscal Impact – If Hardin County chooses to adopt a property tax increase of up to \$0.03 per \$100 of property value, as authorized by T.C.A. §61-1-1104(a)(1), to help offset the costs of the Authority, there will be an increase in local government revenues of up to \$128,000. The exact amount will depend on whether or not the county chooses to adopt such tax and the rate at which it is adopted.


Assumptions:

- The West Tennessee River Basin Authority will significantly increase the total area over which they provide services to protect river and creek basins by including a large portion of Hardin County.
- The Authority will require additional contractors, engineers, consultants, full-time staff, equipment, and additional training to provide such services. The increase in state expenditures associated with such is estimated to be \$339,000 annually and \$21,000 one-time.
- Hardin County may experience an increase in local government revenues and expenditures to provide contributions to the Authority. Such increase is estimated to be up to \$128,000. Counties served by the authority are authorized to levy up to \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation of properties to help offset the expenses of the authority. Any such increase in local government revenues and expenditures and subsequent revenue to the state is permissive.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a clear "W" and "White".

James W. White, Executive Director